

# Denies Report of Sale of T. & G. R. R.

The Goldfield Tribune yesterday morning came out with the announcement that the Tonopah and Goldfield railroad was to be sold to the Tonopah and Tidewater system, and in fact that negotiations were now under way. Their authority for the statement is taken from the weekly market letter of B. H. Scheffels and company of New York, the mouthpiece of the Graham Rice outfit of Reno. This market letter, of which four-fifths of the space is devoted to the boosting of their own securities contains one column of what is purported to be the inside dope on the Tonopah and Goldfield mining situation. Their exclusive item about the sale of the Tonopah and Goldfield railway is embodied in the weekly doings of the Tonopah Mining company and is as follows:

"Tonopah of Nevada—This one looks higher notwithstanding the fact that there has been some criticism recently that the company has not blocked out any fresh ore reserves. We learn on excellent authority that the company is about to dispose of its railroad at very advantageous terms and that this money, which is a very large sum, will be made immediately available for dividend purposes. The railroad, which in the early history of the company was a source of large revenue, has recently been operated without profit. It is also stated that the earnings of the company, from

ore that has been treated at its own mills, have been better during the past two or three months than at any previous period during the past eighteen months. The next dividend of the company will be declared on March 25th and will be 25 cents per share or higher. The par value of the shares is \$1. There are \$1,000,000 shares outstanding. It is stated that the company has over \$1,000,000 worth of silver bars on hand and that it is earning \$40,000 every quarter."

The authority for the rumor of the sale should be enough to convince those interested as to its authenticity.

A representative of the Bonanza made the rounds of the local railroad offices yesterday, but none of the officials could confirm the report of the pending negotiations. In fact one of the higher officials stated that he was certain that the Tonopah and Goldfield road would not pass into the hands of the Tidewater system at present, as he had been kept pretty well posted with the eastern offices in Philadelphia.

"It is a well known fact," said he, "that the Tonopah and Goldfield railroad is for sale and has been for some time. But in my opinion the Tidewater outfit can not raise enough money to pay the price asked. As to negotiations that are supposed to be pending, there is no truth in the report. It is nothing but an idle dream."

H. R. Cooke for the plaintiff occupied nearly the entire day and the balance was spent in arguing over the court's instructions. The case occupied twenty days, most of the time being spent in arguments between counsel over the admittance of certain evidence. P. M. Bowler, attorney for the defendant, made one of the strongest legal arguments for his client ever delivered before a jury in the state. The firm of McIntosh and Cooke represented the plaintiff in an able manner throughout the trial. Mr. Cooke's closing argument is being commented upon by the legal fraternity as a masterpiece of legal oratory and facts. The case will be appealed by the plaintiff.

## Cooper Jury Return Verdict

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'traitor to the Democratic party.' Not only that, but he viciously assailed his personal honor, his pecuniary integrity, and from every stump in Tennessee, he pictured him in the bitterest words in his vocabulary as a common grafter. And the whole crew joined their voices in one universal chorus of damnation—"crook," "grafter," "corrupt politician," "cheap John demagogue"—such were the words that flew thick and fast from the mouth of Duncan B. Cooper and all the leaders in the great movement to reform and purge and purify the state, to destroy the power of the political machine and restore power to the people of Tennessee. The whole campaign was conducted with a view not only to defeat Governor Cox, but to load him with infamy and drive him out of the politics of Tennessee. So far was this carried, that after Governor Patterson had been nominated for governor and Cox had been nominated for the state senate, Major Cooper journeyed to Bristol for the purpose of getting out an independent candidate against him.

"These facts will serve to glorify the recent past of peace. It shows how far Governor Patterson had to stoop, how much Governor Cox had to forgive and matches an infinite condescension with an infinite humility. Of course, there are other details. When Governor Cox was summoned to Nashville, some weeks ago, it was not simply for the purpose of falling on somebody's neck or of having somebody fall upon his. There are honors and dignities and offices and substantial rewards to be distributed—things that go to heal the hurt that honor feels!—and these things were talked of and considered.

"But no doubt, the main thing was that Governor Cox agreed to join himself with Ban Murray, Duncan Cooper and Sparrel Hill and aid

them in their battle for the holy cause of local self government."

By local self government, Carmack meant the fight against prohibition. The liquor interests led by the governor, declared in favor of local option and of letting each community settle the saloon question for itself.

Colonel Cooper upon reading this editorial, sent the famous message to Carmack: "If my name appears in the Tennessean again, one of us must die." The warning was delivered to Senator Carmack by ex-State Treasurer Craig. Carmack said that Colonel Cooper's threat had made a cessation of the editorials impossible—that if the Tennessean never again used Cooper's name, the public would believe that the paper had been bluffed and it would lose caste. So on Monday, November 9, the day of the killing, there appeared in the Tennessean this editorial:

"THE DIPLOMAT OF THE WEIBUND.

"To Major Duncan Brown Cooper who wrought the great coalition; who achieved the harmonious confluence of incompatible elements; who wielded the pewter handle to the wooden spoon; who grafted the dead bough to the living tree and made it to bloom and burgeon and bend with golden fruit; who made playmates of the lamb and the leopard and boon companions of the spider and the fly; who made soda and vinegar to dwell placidly in the same bottle and who taught oil and water how they might agree—to Major Duncan Brown Cooper, the great diplomat of the political Swelbund be all honor and glory forever."

What happened next is history. The states witnesses say that Carmack was shot down from behind, while he was in the act of raising his hat to a lady, Mrs. Eastman. The Coopers swear that they walked across the street to reason with Carmack and that he opened fire at once, wounding Robin who, thereupon and in self defense, fired the shots which killed the editor.

WOE AND SORROW FOR THE BACHELOR

To the bachelor, he "who enjoys single blessedness," is to come much woe and sorrow here and hereafter, according to Bishop Robert McIntyre of Denver in a lecture on "Buttoned-Up People" at the Independence avenue Methodist church, Kansas City, on Tuesday night. The bishop believes that the bachelor is sinning against God and is defeating His Divine will.

"Woe unto him who cuts across the grain of God's scheme of the universe. We hear much about single blessedness and the joy of independence, but there is no such thing. The Great Creator never made a single thing. Everything in the universe has its better other half. Man cannot set himself against God's will and come out of the battle unscathed. The loveless bachelor has boasted of his buttoned-up happiness, but

## EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE

BUILDING BURNS TO GROUND OWING TO LACK OF WATER SUPPLY.

The residence of Felix Backman on Belmont avenue was destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning. Mr. Backman, who with his three children and a man named John Johnson, occupied the place, and at the time the fire broke out, Mr. Backman was engaged in cooking breakfast, preparatory to going on shift at the Belmont mine, where he is employed. The fire is supposed to have started from the stove in the kitchen.

The fire department responded promptly, but it was fully five minutes after their arrival before the water was running through the hose. The burned building is situated about 600 feet from the nearest hydrant, which was at the corner opposite the Celtic hotel on Florence avenue. By the time the water reached the fire it had lost its force and would not throw a stream fifty feet. The adjoining buildings were saved by a liberal application of water which was distributed by a bucket brigade.

The house was insured for \$1000.

## JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN FAVOR OF BALLIET

IS OUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE REACHING AN AGREEMENT.

By a vote of ten to two, the jury in the case of the Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe company vs. Letson Balliet brought in a verdict last evening in favor of the defendant, after being out about four hours. The case went to the jury about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The closing argument of

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